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**PETITION TO STOP IMPROPER ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)**

Applicant timely paid the issue fee and publication fee as per the accompanying copy of the Issue Fee Transmittal and the PTO Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission on March 31, 2008.

Applicant respectfully petitions the Director for the following:

- (1) that the case not be abandoned or that abandonment be withdrawn;
- (2) the patent be promptly issued; and
- (3) the term extended to account for patent term loss due to PTO error.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

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